

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Zissimos Mourelatos *et al.*

Application No.: 10/576,481 **Group Art Unit:** 1635

Filed: May 15, 2008 **Examiner:** Dana H. Shin

Confirmation No.: 6145

Title: SHORT INTERFERING RNA AND MICRO-RNA COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF DESIGNING, MAKING AND USING THE SAME

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply and amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Official Action dated November 13, 2009, in connection with the above-identified patent application. **The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith.** Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2.

A Remarks section begins on Page 6.